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DRAFTED BY ARA:CWBRA Y:MMS:TEXT RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE  
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S/S - MR. GAMBLE

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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO GENERAL  
TORRIJOS

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED FOLLOWING LETTER. YOU MAY  
DELIVER TEXT, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH NEGOTIATORS,  
IN LIGHT OF YOUR JOINT JUDGEMENT AS TO BEST TIMING.
2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR GENERAL TORRIJOS: AS REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY, I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU  
PERSONALLY MY HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEAR FRUIT  
AND WILL RESULT IN A TREATY WHICH WILL BE FAIR, REASONABLE  
AND APPROPRIATE IN EVERY RESPECT.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO PROCEED  
IN A COOPERATIVE AND FLEXIBLE SPIRIT IN THE EFFORT TO  
ARRIVE AT A TREATY WHICH WILL SATISFACTORILY MEET THE  
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PROPER CONCERNS OF BOTH PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND  
I HOPE AND TRUST THAT YOU JOIN ME IN THIS COMMITMENT.

I AM CONFIDENT YOU SHARE MY FEELING THAT IF WE MOVE IN A  
SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE

OUR OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS

BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES.

IF THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL, AND AS A SIGN  
OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND DETERMINATION TO PLACE OUR RELATIONS  
ON A FIRM BASIS, IT MIGHT BE FITTING FOR US TO MEET AND  
SIGN THE TREATY JOINTLY. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END  
TEXT.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

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